

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 17: CRIMES**  
**Chapter 62: Games of chance**

**§1840. DISTRIBUTORS AND PRINTERS; RECORDS AND REPORTS**

**1. Printers licensed.** A printer in the State may not print materials to be used in the conduct of a licensed game of chance unless licensed by the Chief of the State Police. A printer licensed under this section may act as a distributor without having to be licensed as a distributor as long as neither the printer nor anyone on the printer's behalf acts as a seller for services connected with a game of chance outside of the confines of the printer's premises described in that printer's license. If that printer or someone else acts as a seller for the printer's services in connection with a game of chance outside of the premises described on that printer's license, either that printer or any person or persons acting on that printer's behalf must be licensed as a distributor under subsection 2.

The applicant for a printer's license, or, if the applicant is a firm, corporation, association or other organization, its resident manager, superintendent or official representative shall file an application with the Chief of the State Police on a form provided by the Chief of the State Police. The Chief of the State Police shall furnish to each applicant a current copy of this chapter and the rules adopted under section 1843 and to each licensee a copy of any changes or additions to this chapter and the rules adopted under section 1843.

[ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

**2. Distributors licensed.** A distributor may not sell, lease, market or otherwise distribute gambling apparatus or implements unless licensed by the Chief of the State Police, except that a license is not required for the sale, marketing or distribution of raffle tickets when the holder of the winning chance receives something of value worth less than \$10,000.

A nonresident manufacturer or distributor of gambling apparatus or implements doing business in the State must have an agent in this State who is licensed as a distributor. A distributor may not sell, market or otherwise distribute gambling apparatus or implements to a person or organization, except to persons or organizations licensed to operate or conduct games of chance under section 1832, licensed to conduct a special raffle under section 1837, subsection 2 or eligible to conduct a raffle pursuant to section 1837, subsection 1. A distributor may not lease or loan or otherwise distribute free of charge any gambling apparatus or implements to an organization eligible to operate a game of chance, except that a distributor may lease gambling apparatus or implements to an agricultural society licensed to operate games of chance on the grounds of the agricultural society and during the annual fair of the agricultural society as long as the distributor does not charge the agricultural society an amount in excess of 50% of the gross revenue from any licensed game of chance.

A licensee shall acquire gambling apparatus and implements from a distributor licensed under this section, unless the gambling apparatus or implements are printed, manufactured or constructed by the licensed organization. At no time may any licensee print, manufacture or construct any gambling apparatus or implements for distribution to any other licensee. The applicant for a distributor's license, or, if the applicant is a firm, corporation, association or other organization, its resident manager, superintendent or official representative shall file an application with the Chief of the State Police on a form provided by the Chief of the State Police. The Chief of the State Police shall furnish to each applicant a current copy of this chapter and the rules adopted under section 1843 and to each licensee a copy of any changes or additions to this chapter and the rules adopted under section 1843.

[ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) . ]

**3. Sales agreements.** A distributor shall forward to the Chief of the State Police, prior to delivery of any gambling machine to the purchaser, a copy of all sales agreements, sales contracts or any other agreements involving the sale of any gambling machine. The terms of the sales contract must include, but are not limited to, the name of seller, name of purchaser, address of seller, address of purchaser, description of the gambling machine including serial number and model name and number, total sale price, any arrangement or terms for payments and the date of final payment.

Any change, modification or alteration of these agreements must be reported to the Chief of the State Police by the purchaser within 6 days of the change, modification or alteration.

[ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

**4. Service agreements.** With the sale of any gambling machine involving a service agreement, the distributor shall forward to the Chief of the State Police a copy of the agreement prior to delivery of the machine. The terms of the service agreements must include, but are not limited to, the name of seller, name of purchaser, address of seller, address of purchaser, description of machine to be serviced including serial number and model name and number and all prices and payments for that service.

Any change, modification or alteration of the agreement must be reported to the Chief of the State Police by the purchaser within 6 days of the change, modification or alteration.

[ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

**5. Agricultural societies; lease agreements.** When a gambling apparatus or implement is leased as provided in subsection 2 to an agricultural society, the distributor shall forward to the Chief of the State Police a copy of the lease agreement prior to delivery of the gambling apparatus or implement. The terms of the lease must include, but are not limited to, the name of the lessor; address of the lessor; name of the lessee; address of the lessee; description of the gambling apparatus or implement; serial number, model name or number of the gambling apparatus or implement; and all prices and payments for the lease. Each lease must be for a specific period of time no longer than the duration of the annual fair of that lessee, and each gambling apparatus must have its own separate lease. Gambling apparatus or implements leased under this section:

A. May be operated only for the exclusive benefit of the agricultural society, except that the agricultural society may pay a distributor up to 50% of gross gaming revenue in accordance with subsection 2; and  
[ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

B. Must bear the name and address of the distributor. [ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

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**6. Reports.** At the end of each calendar month, a distributor or printer shall file with the Chief of the State Police a report indicating:

A. The names and addresses of all persons or organizations to which the distributor or printer has distributed equipment and the dates of the distribution; [ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

B. A description of the equipment distributed, including serial number and model name and number; and  
[ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

C. The quantities of any equipment distributed. [ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

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**7. Retention and inspection of records.** A distributor or printer shall maintain and keep for a period of 3 years, on the premises of the distributor or printer, any records that may be necessary to substantiate the reports required by this section or by the rules adopted under this chapter. The records must be open to

inspection, and a licensee may not refuse the Chief of the State Police or the chief's representative permission to inspect or audit the records. Refusal to permit inspection or audit of the records does not constitute a crime under this chapter but constitutes grounds for revocation of license.

[ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

**8. Reports generally.** The Chief of the State Police shall require from any licensed printer or distributor, or from any organization authorized to operate a game of chance, whatever reports determined necessary by the chief for the purpose of the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

[ 2009, c. 487, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

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